

Appl. No. 09/996,347  
Amdt. dated June 24, 2005  
Reply to Office action of January 12, 2005

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-7 and 22-24 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 13-21 were previously withdrawn. The Examiner's allowance of claims 8-12 is noted with appreciation.

For the reasons set forth above, allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,

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